

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 4, 6 – 15, and 17 – 20 remain pending in the application.

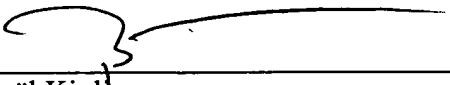
Claims 1 – 4, 6 – 15, and 17 – 20 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1, 2, 4 – 12, and 14 – 23 of copending application number 10/675,601.

While the Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections, Applicant has nevertheless submitted herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome the rejection and expedite allowance of the present application.

Applicant submits that all claims are now in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If any extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above referenced application from becoming abandoned, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5797-00300/BNK.

Respectfully submitted,



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